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Date of Deposit: December 7, 2000

Signature: Paul Wang

**SIR:**

Application - 6 pages of Specification, 4 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract  
4 Sheets of informal drawing(s)

## Declaration

1 Assignment with Cover Sheet

## Associate Power of Attorney

Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and cited references

CLAIMS AS FILED				
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
Total Claims	24 -20 =	4	x \$18 =	\$ 72
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	x \$80 =	\$ 80
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable			\$260 =	\$ 0
Basic Fee				\$ 710
			TOTAL FEE:	\$ 862

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